Citizen Resolution # 500120

(For Hearing Officer completion)

CONGRESS

Change current law to allow laser targeting sights

Laser sights are prohibited presently for the use of hunting game animals. They fall under the same classification as flashlights. Flashlights are used to locate game or game sign. Flashlights are used in low or no light conditions, usually at night. Laser sights can be a very accurate targeting system. Lasers are not used to broadcast a wide beam of light or light up an area to locate game. Unlike flashlights, lasers are used during the daytime.

Laser sights have many benefits for hunters.

- 1. From a safety point of view, they indicate where the equipment is pointed at all times.
- 2. Laser sights indicate where you are targeting, and others hunters can see as well.
- 3. They can indicate that there may be an obstacle in the way of your shot path.
- 4. Lasers project a beam of light that indicates where your impact will be on your target. That can reduce bad shots taken with better targeting results and more humane harvesting of game animals.
- 5. With the visual aid of lasers, new hunters will develop more confidence quickly in their shooting skills.

Technology has introduced Infra Red and Thermal image targeting systems for hunting and shooting. Lasers are also available in non-visual light beams and in use as targeting sights.

The laws need to expand to accept new technologies available that improve the positive experience of hunting. Our legislators need to acknowledge that these improvements to equipment will add addition sportsmen and sportswomen to our base.

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